

## NEWS OF NEW JERSEY

MAYOR SEYMOUR  
FORCES REFORMS

Orange Executive Favors an Effort to Abolish All Railroad Crossings at Grade.

Urging the Orange Common Council to negotiate a contract with the Lackawanna Railroad to end the death traps in that city, Mayor Arthur B. Seymour in his annual message to the body last night favored an effort on the part of the officials to abolish all railroad crossings at grade. Mayor Seymour said that better terms would be obtained by continuing by proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission, and that no uniform legislation can be adopted that will result in benefit to Orange.

The Mayor urged court action to compel the railroad company to repair its road bed. "Since the roadbed was laid more and heavier cars have been put on," he says, "and they thunder along the public streets, shaking the houses along the route to their foundations."

New pavement in Main street, the cost to be shared by the Public Service Corporation, which has a trolley line; property owners and the city, is urged as a remedy for the dust nuisance.

His recommendations include funds for the city playgrounds to be established, new quarters for the Council, a municipal superintendent of weights and measures, a farmer for the city poor farm and an ordinance governing theatres, the Mayor adding that he will give no more licenses this year.

## HELD PRISONERS BY ICE.

Passengers on Board Delaware River Ferryboat Pass Hours in Blockade.

BURLINGTON, N. J., Monday.—One woman and six men spent a few hours last night aboard the ferryboat William E. Dorn, which plies between Bristol, Pa., and this place, when the boat was caught in the ice and so firmly wedged that Captain Dorn, the pilot, was unable to make any progress toward Burlington or get back to Bristol.

The passengers aboard became worried and insisted that they be returned to Bristol, but Captain Dorn told them this was impossible. He kept the ship going for some time, and this signal of distress was heard on the government dredge, Uncle Sam, down the river. The crew responded, and after hard work took the seven passengers off the Dorn and back to Bristol shortly after midnight.

## TO URGE COMMISSION PLAN.

Committee Working for Change of Government in Long Branch.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Monday.—A committee of five men will govern Long Branch if plans of a Citizens' Committee are successful. A temporary organization has been formed, according to the report made at the meeting of the Board of Trade last night. It is planned to make the organization permanent at a meeting next Thursday night.

There is considerable sentiment for the commission form of government. Those opposed to a change are chiefly those in office.

## Ask City to Engage in Trade.

PASSAIC, N. J., Monday.—Housewives of this city have taken up the fight against the high cost of living and will forward a petition to the City Commission, asking that it purchase quantities of household commodities and fuel and sell to the people at cost.

At a mass meeting of men and women at the working class hall yesterday this step was decided on, following a speech by Mrs. Lily Lore, of New York, John Luthringer, president of the Passaic Trades and Labor Council, also spoke.

## Wrecked Schooner Found.

STONE HARBOR, N. J., Monday.—A two masted schooner was discovered, sunk off Haverford Inlet today. The vessel had gone down in eight fathoms of water about four miles off shore. About two hundred feet of the masts are showing above water, but there was no indication of what had become of the crew when life savers went out to investigate. The life savers report the wreck dangerous to navigation.

## \$2,000 FOR FUNERAL BELLS.

Mrs. Apfel Gives to Charities and Ignores Her Relatives.

A legacy of \$2,000 to the municipal authorities of Elsfeld, Germany, is provided for in the will of Mrs. Friederike Apfel, of Union Hill, which was filed for probate in Jersey City yesterday.

The money is to be used to assist the poor and to ring church bells during the funeral services of deserving persons. Mrs. Apfel left nothing to her brothers and sister, but gave much to North Hudson charitable institutions.

## New Jersey Jottings.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, of Plainfield, celebrated the fifty-fifth anniversary of their wedding yesterday. Mrs. Ross was Miss Jane M. Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Runyon Walker. They have two children, Mrs. C. Arthur Runyon, of New York, and Mrs. Frank Runyon, of Steelton, N. J.

James Turley, thirty-eight years old, of New Grove Street, City, was sent to the County Penitentiary for six months by Judge Queen in the Second Criminal Court for sending in four false alarms of fire.

A water shortage will follow in Jersey City, officials of the Water Department said, if wasting of the water continues. The waste is at faucets left open to prevent freezing.

Newton Doramus, of the Doramus Brothers Company, Red Bank, was elected president of the First National Bank in that city, the controlling stock of which has been purchased by the Fidelity Trust Company of Newark. He succeeds James T. Terhune, of Matawan. Clarence C. Appleton, controller of the Fidelity, will continue as cashier.

To keep children out of the Police Court in Passaic Judge Thomas P. Costello announced that commencing Saturday morning he would hold juvenile court in Public School No. 6 to hear cases against boys and girls under sixteen years of age. In all cases child and parents will be summoned to court.

The German-American Trust Company of Paterson was notified of the arrest in Salina, Cal., of Frank H. Sydonsky, formerly employed as a messenger by the bank. He is charged with having left with \$1,000 of the bank's funds.

THIRTY IN PERIL BY  
BREAK IN GAS MAIN

Severe Cold Causes Shifting of Pipes in Newark—Four Taken to Hospital.

Four persons were overcome and nearly thirty others suffered late Sunday night and early yesterday morning by illuminating gas which escaped from a street main in the vicinity of No. 107 William street, Newark. That part of the street is on an incline, and as the sub-surface is of red shale it had settled, owing to the severe cold, and caused the main and the several house connections to break.

The leak was first discovered late Sunday night by a man living at No. 107 William street. He found what he thought to be a small leak in a pipe in the cellar of the house, repaired it and told others who complained of the strong odor of gas that he had stopped the flow. Early in the morning, however, so many persons were suffering from the fumes that a policeman was summoned, and an investigation disclosed the fact that the leak was in the street and that more than a score of families were in peril.

The policeman summoned help and, with others, aroused every one in the neighborhood. They found nearly two score men, women and children, slightly under the influence of the gas and succeeded in getting all of them into the street. They were cared for by neighbors in adjoining streets. Those most seriously affected were taken to the City Hospital. The latter were Mrs. Antonio Barber, her daughter, and son Gustave, who live on the third floor of No. 107 William street, and Miss Mary Foley, who lives in the same house.

## JAIL EMPLOYEES PROTECTED.

Not Working for Sheriff, but for Hudson County, and Are Under the Civil Service.

Politicians and others in Jersey City were interested yesterday in the opinion filed by Assistant Attorney General Nelson B. Gaskill, at Trenton, that employees under the Sheriff in Hudson county are subject to the Civil Service law. The opinion says:—

"While it is not entirely clear, my conclusion is that the employees of the county jail are the employees of the county and are not the personal employees of the Sheriff."

Patrick Sullivan, formerly warden of the county jail, and his subordinates, who were succeeded in December by men appointed by Sheriff Weiden, expect to be reinstated by the courts.

Quo warranto proceedings were begun yesterday in the Supreme Court at Trenton by Mr. Sullivan, to test their dismissal.

## TRIES TO SAVE WOMAN AFIRE.

Mrs. Abraham Burned in Attempt to Aid Her Neighbor, Mrs. George.

While attempting yesterday to smother the flames which enveloped Mrs. Dora George, sixty-five years old, a widow living at Crosey avenue and Bay Twelfth street, Bath Beach, Mrs. Esther Abraham, of the same address, was burned about the hands and face.

Mrs. George stood with her back to the fire in her kitchen, when her kind neighbor, Mrs. Abraham, who caught up a rug from the hall and attempted to smother the fire. Police Sergeant Thomas Conklin wrapped Mrs. George in a blanket and rolled her in the snow. She was taken to the Coney Island Hospital, where it was said there was only a slight chance for her recovery.

## DEAD A DAY BEFORE FOUND.

Death from heart disease and surrounded by unusual circumstances was revealed last night when Dr. McKenzie, county physician, was notified of the finding of the body of Mrs. Josephine Goldberg, widow of Mr. Davis, on the floor of her apartment, No. 64 Hillside avenue, Newark.

Her husband, Charles Goldingay, of the manufacturing firm of Goldingay Brothers, started for Bermuda on Friday. Mrs. Goldingay was not seen by neighbors after Saturday night. Dr. McKenzie said that death probably occurred early Sunday morning.

## BLAMES COUNCIL FOR DEATH.

Edwin M. McDermott, father of Leo F. McDermott, who was killed in Main street, Orange, on Christmas Day, appeared before the Orange Common Council last night and charged that body with being indirectly responsible for the death of his son. He asked the Councilmen what they proposed to do to make the streets of Orange safer for him and his family. William A. Lord, City Counsel, answering for the Councilmen, explained that the rate of speed for automobiles was governed by the state, and that it was the duty of the local police merely to see that the law was obeyed.

## Guardian of Hugh Davis Named.

Frank P. McDermott was named yesterday as guardian for Hugh Davis, six years old, son of the late Robert Davis, one time democratic leader of Hudson county. Application for the appointment was made by Mrs. Annie Toppin Davis, widow of Mr. Davis. Mrs. Davis is bringing five suits against the guardian of her stepson in order to protect her dower rights. The appointment was made by Vice-Chancellor Garrison.

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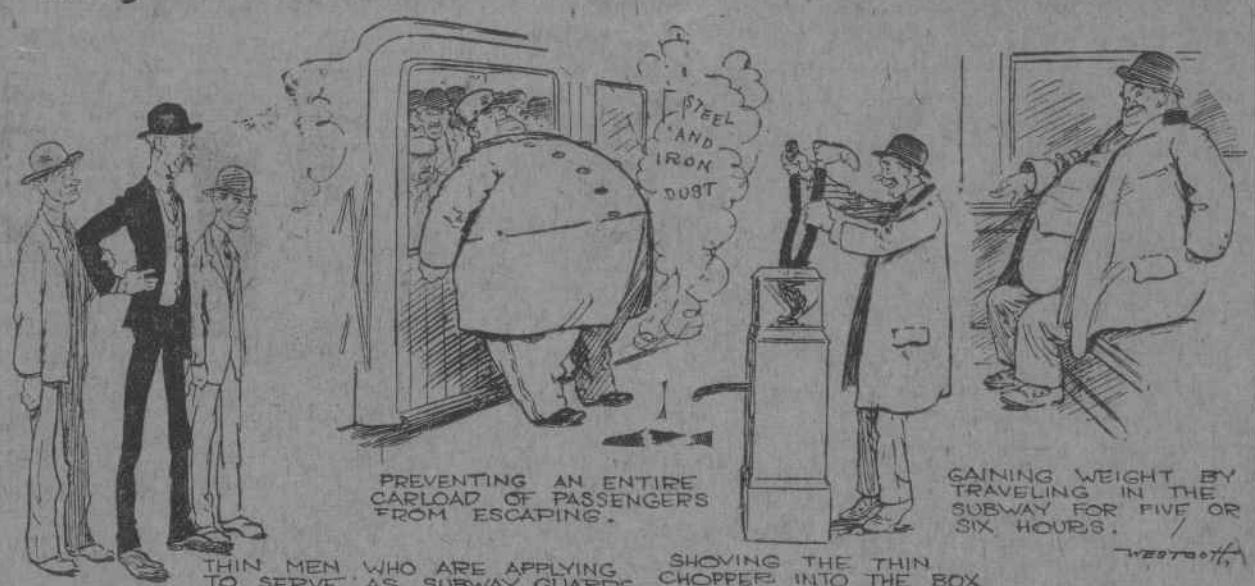
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Applications by thin men to serve as subway guards were received even yesterday as a result of the statement of Dr. J. Alexander Miller before the Academy of Medicine last week that in this city tunnel the employees have actually increased in girth.

"Subway fat" is what they call it, and the side doors are used now more than formerly since the toxic qualities of the underground ozone have been observed.

Ajax Phones, one of the first of the subway door slammers to enter the service, yesterday said that when he first began work he frequently fell through the cracks on the platforms and was saved only from painful injury by extending his arms.

"Once," he said, "I was thrown against the side of a car by a crowd and remained sticking in a frame for nearly an entire day. No one would come to my rescue because they thought I was a poster. The delightful tonic effect of steel and iron dust from the rails and the ozone from the electric currents have

braced me up so that I can prevent an entire carload of passengers from escaping by leaning against the door and nothing but a pound charge of dynamite could lift me out of the way."

Thomas M. Wasp, chopper at the Ninety-sixth street station, showed to a Herald reporter the steel reinforcement of the platform where he was accustomed to stand.

"This strengthening of the underpinning," he declared, "was done when I first took the ticket privilege at this location. When I first came here I was several times shoved into the box by passengers who thought they could get away with a little humor."

"The fattening air of this subway has made twenty new men of me. When bottled it is most nutritious, and any company could make money by canning it and selling it as a tonic. Every morning I am rolled down the entrance to this station, as it is impossible longer to walk down, owing to the narrowness of the sides of the tracks."

Following the original publication of the observations of the physician it was

observed that many thin men and women were riding for hours in the subway carrying with them lunch baskets and apparently making a day of it.

James E. Macdote, who said he had always been called "Skinny Jim," was observed sitting in one of the double car seats in a Bronx express.

"You may say for me," said he, "that although I am once in the razorback class now I am as corpulent as any surface open car member of the porcine family."

"From a frail and delicate person I have been changed to a man of weight and importance. For the last month I have been traveling in the subway for five or six hours a day, and when the customary pulling and hauling comes at Ninety-sixth street I am more than pleased, for I am in the midst of the invigorating and stimulating subway air and am fully confident that my health is growing better."

All the employees of the Interborough look prosperous, and all bear evidence that the corporation is increasing, while life in the subway is equivalent to feast and plenty.

FORREST F. DRYDEN  
HEADS PRUDENTIAL

Son of Insurance Company's Dead President Chosen for His Father's Office.

Forrest F. Dryden was elected president of the Prudential Life Insurance Company

by the directors in Newark yesterday. He succeeds his father, the late John F. Dryden, once United States Senator from New Jersey and for thirty-five years the head of the Prudential.

The new president is forty-six years old and has been identified with industrial insurance activities as an agent of the Prudential ever since he left Phillips Andover Academy, at the age of eighteen, to enter the business his father organized in 1876.

Mr. Dryden was made secretary of the Prudential in 1880, third vice president in 1903, second vice president in 1906, and vice president last year. Mr. Dryden also takes his father's place in the Executive Committee of the Life Insurance Presidents' Association.

He is a director of the Union National Bank and Fidelity Trust Company, of Newark; the South Jersey Gas, Electric and Traction Company, and many other corporations, and holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the New Jersey National Guard.

Mr. Dryden married Grace, daughter of Dr. Isaac N. Carleton, of Bradford, Mass., and they have three children. Their residence is No. 55 Lincoln Park, Newark, and their country place is at Bernardsville, N. J.

Other changes in the Prudential made by the directors yesterday were: John K. Gore, chief actuary, to be first vice president; Jacob E. Ward, from third to second vice president; Wilbur S. Johnson, fourth to third vice president; and Edward Gray, secretary, to be fourth vice president. The assistant secretary, Willard I. Hamilton, was elected secretary. Bennet Van

Victims of robbers are not compelled to pay to recover goods that have been pawned by the thieves, Mayor Gaynor announced yesterday in a letter to Police Commissioner Waldo. The Mayor enclosed a complaint from a woman who said she had been a victim of a pawnbroker who was assisted by a policeman. The Mayor said:—

"The habit of detectives telling persons whose property has been stolen and pawned or transferred that they must pay the amount advanced on or paid for an article in order to get possession of it, should be done away with. The law is that no one is required to pay anything in order to get back his stolen property. Nobody can get any title or lien on it. The force necessary to be fourth vice president absolutely, and a violation of the rule should merit dismissal."

MR. WALDO EXPLAINS.

Having read that policemen were assigned to the peace dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria December 30, Mayor Gaynor asked Commissioner Waldo for an explanation. The Mayor said he had read that sixty-nine policemen were sent to the dinner and added that he also had read that on another occasion President Taft had no police protection when visiting New York. The Mayor wrote:—

"I particularly do not wish to have it belied all over this country that we sent policemen to stand over a dinner of gentlemen."

In a report sent to the Mayor yesterday Commissioner Waldo stated that when the President of the United States visited New York for his protection and serve under direction of Secret Service men. Policemen with motorcycles also are assigned to expedite the President's travel. During Mr. Taft's recent visit, the Commissioner said, the usual procedure was followed and only detectives were sent to the peace dinner, and that they withdrew when the President departed.

## MAYOR AIDS THEFT VICTIMS.

Orders Picture of Isidor Walter R. moved from Rogues' Gallery and Records Destroyed.

Mayor Gaynor yesterday wrote an

apology to a newsboy whose picture has been in the Rogues' Gallery for almost three years and gave orders that the records of the case in the Police Department be destroyed. The boy is Isidor

Walter, of No. 35 Henry street. The Mayor stated there never was an excuse for putting the picture in the gallery of criminals.

The record states that the boy was arrested April 8, 1909, charged with being a "general thief," and shows that the boy was discharged because there was no evidence against him. At the time of his arrest the boy was sixteen years old. A few days ago he wrote to the Mayor explaining the case, and the Mayor, after having an investigation made, answered as follows:—

"Dear Mr. Walter:—On receiving your letter informing me that your picture was unjustly in the Rogues' Gallery I at once inquired into the case. I found it to be just as you state, namely, that you had never been arrested, but once, and that the charge of larceny made against you then by a policeman was found to be unfounded and you were discharged. Nevertheless your picture was put in the Rogues' Gallery labelled 'General Thief,' and it has been there ever since. I have had it taken out of the Rogues' Gallery and I am here with sending it back to you. I would also like to do whatever else I can to make amends for the very great wrong which has been done to you. About the time you were treated this way a large number of other boys in this city were being treated in the same way. But an end has been put to that sort of thing, and I trust forever."

General Bingham was Police Commissioner when the arrest was made. This incident is similar to the now famous Duffy case and others in which boys' pictures were kept in the Rogues' Gallery after they had been discharged. It formerly was the system to photograph all persons arrested and keep the photographs in the police records. Mayor Gaynor abolished the system and now photographs are not taken until after conviction.

"The Puzzling Punch," in next Sunday's NEW YORK HERALD, shows Mr. Ellis Parker Butler in his best vein as a writer of humorous fiction.

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MR. F. J. CANNON  
ASSAILS MORMONS

Here to Attend Anti-Polygamy Convention, He Charges Church Violated Agreement.

The leaders in the movement to obtain legislation for the suppression of polygamy and to check the increasing political force of the Mormon Church in Utah are gathering in New York for the anti-polygamy convention to be held in Carnegie Hall under the auspices of the International Council of Women to-morrow night.

Among the foremost opponents of the Mormon Church who arrived here yesterday is Frank J. Cannon, formerly United States Senator from Utah and now a distinguished editor of Denver. It is expected that in his address on "The Modern Mormon Kingdom," which he will deliver at the convention, he will charge that there is a startling condition of affairs in Utah with which the people of the country must cope at an early day.

"Polygamy is openly practised by heads of the Mormon Church in Utah," said Mr. Cannon to a Herald reporter in his apartments in the Hotel Collingwood. "The Mormon leaders have violated the compact made with the United States government in 1850, when their property was restored to the Church. They agreed to frown upon polygamy; they promised that the Mormon Church was not to dominate politics in Utah, and, lastly, they agreed that the Church should not exact from its adherents the product of their toil, as a pretended contribution to God, with which to obtain for the leaders of the Church a monopoly in financial and industrial pursuits."

"Joseph F. Smith, the head of the Mormon Church, rules with the despotic power of a feudal sovereign and holds himself above the laws of the United States. The institution is working a terrible wrong upon the rank and file of the Mormon people, who are really good citizens, but the hypocrisy of the Mormon leaders has blinded them to the truth, and their eyes will not be opened until the United States government rises in its wrath and brings violators of law and decency to justice."

Mr. Cannon said he was excommunicated by the Mormon Church because he was opposed to polygamy. The election of Reed Smoot as United States Senator, he said, was convincing proof that the Mormon Church was active in politics. "The Church not only exercises absolute authority in politics in Utah, but it is becoming a power in contiguous States," said Mr. Cannon. "Polygamy has been repressed, but never suppressed. The main body of the Mormon adherents are excellent citizens, but they cannot be held accountable for the acts of their leaders."

Mr. Cannon said that there were three remedies which might be employed. The first was a constitutional amendment authorizing Congress to legislate against polygamy in the States, as in Territories. Second, to dissolve the property trusteeship of the Church, which now holds property valued at many millions. Third, to deny Utah Senatorial representation unless it can be shown that United States Senators from Utah have been elected without the support of the Church.

Mr. Cannon spoke in Riverhead, L. I., last night upon the subject of "The Modern Mormon Kingdom."

## ESTRADA TO FORCE NICARAGUAN LOAN

Nation Hears Erstwhile President Will Return to Work for American Bank Agreement.

[BY MEXICAN CABLE TO THE HERALD.] SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, via GALVESTON, Texas, Monday.—Considerable excitement has developed here over a report that the erstwhile President Juan Estrada, soon is to return and attempt to force general acceptance of the arrangement with the United States whereby Nicaragua delivers her finances and the collection of her customs into the hands of American bankers and representatives of the Washington government.

Last May General Estrada, in accordance with his authority as defined in the constitution, delegated the Presidency to Dr. Adolfo Diaz, and left the country, going to Europe. Subsequently the preliminaries of a national loan and a corresponding bond issue were arranged between President Diaz and the banking syndicate that proposes to furnish the money. That, in turn, was followed by the election of General Luis Mena, who is to assume the duties of President two years from now, at the expiration of the term for which General Estrada was elected.

The people of Nicaragua are very much wrought up over the situation. They argue that the loan transaction is illegal, that the United States had no right to name collectors of customs in Nicaragua until after the contract between this government and the bankers had been duly approved by Congress, that the election of Mena was in violation of all national laws and was designed solely as a means of assuring maintenance of a government friendly to the loan.

Nicaraguans think that Estrada, fearing the failure of his plan, may be contemplating a return for the purpose of using his personal influence to overcome the growing antagonism to an arrangement by which most natives is regarded as a scheme to deliver the country's resources to foreigners in exchange for a few millions of dollars, most of which, it is thought, will be used for purposes other than the benefit of the public.

## REMITTS OLD POLICE FINES.

Commissioner Waldo Reverses Mr. Crosey's Judgment in the Cases of Five Captains.

Five police captains found guilty of violating department rules while James C. Crosey was Police Commissioner yesterday learned that Police Commissioner Waldo had remitted the fines imposed upon them, after reviewing the evidence submitted to his predecessor. The police officers affected and the amount of fines remitted are:—

Captains George C. Liebers, thirty days' pay; Dominick Henry, five days' pay; William J. Lahey, now inspector, five days' pay; Cornelius G. Hayes, now inspector, ten days' pay; and Samuel McElroy, five days' pay. In every case, Commissioner Waldo has dismissed the charges in addition to remitting the fines.

Because of ill health Captain Patrick L. Walsh, who has been in charge of the Branch Detective Bureau in the Tenderloin, has been transferred to the Tottenville precinct. Lieutenant Michael Conney succeeds him.

## BLAMES POVERTY FOR DIVORCE.

Kansas City's Official Proctor Asserts Debt Brings Marital Woe.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Monday.—Poverty is the chief cause of the present divorce evil, according to W. W. Wright, divorce proctor, who spoke before the Socialist Education Society here to-day. "The fact that the average workman is seldom free from debt causes more marital unhappiness than any other influence," Mr. Wright said. "The peace and quiet necessary to the home disappears with the home's financial straits."

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